

Professional Profile

Professional Profile (Complete Week 1-2)

The assignment below can be added to any course shell (2210, 3246, or 3250). The goal of the assignment is to facilitate critical, rhetorical thought about students' current relationship to professional writing, and to springboard discussion of expectations and goals for the course.

It can be added to Project 1, if your shell does not have a separate weighted category for exercises.

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This assignment will help your instructor understand your specific history and goals as a professional. Because this is a writing class, the questions will focus largely on writing, but feel free to discuss any other experiences or opportunities that led you here.

- 1)** How did you select your chosen profession? Be honest (money is often a factor), but go beyond the individual benefits of the job and discuss what it is about the work that interests you. Were there people or experiences earlier in your life that contributed to your decision? Are there negative aspects of other professions that led you away from them?
- 2)** What kinds of writing do you anticipate doing as part of this job? In terms of specific writing skills, how do you think this class can help you succeed in the writing situations you'll encounter in the future?
- 3)** What kinds of writing do you do now? Include writing you do for school (essays, reports, stories, etc.), for work (emails, memos, work orders, invoices), and your personal life (texts, tweets, etc.), and any other writing you do.
- 4)** In which of these settings do you feel most comfortable with your writing, with your ability to express thoughts and be understood. In which settings do you feel least comfortable about your writing? What do you think it is about these types of writing that makes you feel more or less confident?